

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Moore called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jim Moore  
Vice-Chairman Jack Atkinson  
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh - Arrived 6:02  
Councilman Justin Anderson  
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.

Also present were: County Administrator, Sandra G. Padget  
Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council  
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

B. INVOCATION Councilman Anderson delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the regular meeting was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website. The following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:  
**Please note meetings are open to the public. Access to the live video is available by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).**

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Daniel seconded by Councilman Anderson to approve the agenda it was unanimously approved as amended by a motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Anderson to change item 3 under New Business to say "Acceptance of SC Department of Agriculture Grant Award".

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh the minutes for November 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were unanimously approved as submitted.

## G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vice-Chairman Atkinson and Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.

Councilman Bedenbaugh wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He thanked everyone involved in the Christmas parade and the Town and Chamber for putting it on.

Councilman Daniel wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and remember the reason for the season.

Chairman Moore wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He stated he enjoyed the parade and the joint Festival later on that was put on by the Town of Saluda, Ridge Spring and Saluda County involving a great firework display and hope to improve on that next year.

## H. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Moore opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-23, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2019, BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND EDGEFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY OF PAC TELL GROUP, INC. D/B/A USFIBERS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.” No one signed up to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

## I. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, Third Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 11-23, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 6, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 6-7, DISTANCE AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS, OF THE SALUDA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO MODIFY DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS, DECREASE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson, Third Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 13-23, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2019, BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND EDGEFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY OF PAC TELL GROUP, INC. D/B/A USFIBERS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

## J. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Vice-Chairman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, First Reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 14-23, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 14-4, ANIMALS, OF THE SALUDA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES.” Chairman Moore stated that the amendment changes where it says business days to calendar days in the holding of an animal and it will make our ordinance match Edgefield County’s.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel, the Audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 was unanimously approved as submitted by Rish & Enzastiga Accounting Firm. Chairman Moore recognized David Enzastiga to present and summarize the key points within the audit.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to accept the grant award from SC Department of Agriculture to Best Dressed Chicken. Chairman Moore stated that the grant was from the Department of Agriculture Office of Agribusiness Development to be used for site preparation and infrastructure improvements at their facility.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved for council staff to issue an Invitation to Bid for roof replacement at the Library and to repair roofs at the Maintenance Shop and Recreation Office. Chairman Moore recognized Heather Griffin, Purchasing Agent to recommend the action needed to secure the required services. Councilman Anderson asked for clarification on how these bids would be separated and compared. Heather said all roofs would be issued in one bid but listed separate.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to award the bid for a new ambulance to Frazer Built, LTD in the amount of \$276,400 to be paid from the Ambulance Reserve Account. Chairman Moore recognized Heather, Griffin, Purchasing Agent to present the results and recommendation of the bid. Jacob Starnes was in attendance by phone to help answer questions. EMS is requesting this be ordered now due to the long length of wait time to have an ambulance built. Jacob stated that we have an ambulance down now in the fleet and two with high mileage.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to appoint Jennifer Lynn Yawn to the Behavioral Health Board with her term expiring December 11, 2026.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to appoint Matthew B. Gentry to the Tax Appeals Board with his term expiring December 11, 2025.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to re-appoint Jacqueline Rhinehart to the GLEAMNS board as the Public Sector representative.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to re-appoint James Coley to the GLEAMNS board as the Private Sector representative.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to re-appoint Jill Warren, Demetric Moore and Angie Saxon to the Employee Grievance Committee with their terms expiring November 10, 2026.

## K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On Motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (1) and (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended for the purpose of discussing positions in the Roads and Bridges Department and to receive legal advice on Palmetto Pointe and the partial road closing of Holstein Ridge Road and to return at the call of the Chair.

Chairman Moore called the council meeting back to open session.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to authorize two positions with the job description for Light Equipment Operator at a grade 13 and make the grade changes recommended by council staff beginning January 29, 2024 which will not require additional funding this budget year.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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James L. Moore, Saluda County Council  
Chairman

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Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council  
Date Approved: January 8, 2024